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Subject: FW: PLT and Freedom Convoy Protest

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Inspector Lucas,

Excellent synopsis for those who may need a better understanding of how our PLT is approaching this event (and some background on how we got here with their training)

Julie/Mr Steinbachs- From paragraph 2 forward - just an FYI in case there is something in there that can help frame strategic or informational comms

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My apologies for the short / long email

Staff McKenna,

It is not lost on our PLT team the magnitude of this event and the national / international attention it has garnered. Despite the national stage, I can say that the newly trained PLT members are not intimidated by the magnitude and scope of this historic event. The officers assigned to PLT have been able to successfully navigate the emotional pitfalls of PLT work like veterans is truly remarkable. It should be noted that a majority and makeup of the current PLT were only trained four months ago. Despite the frantic tempo of this protest, we have yet to see a decline in professionalism in how they engage and present themselves to the protestors and organizers influencing this movement. PLT members have been relentless in their support of all members assigned to this protest and tireless work and outreach to resolve conflicts and mediate hot spots as they arise.

In review, PLT members have proactively sought out community members and stakeholders providing outreach in support and leading up to the event that commenced January 28. Intelligence gathering with business partners leveraging community officers and contacts was the beginning of the outreach. Identifying and collaborating with internal and external law enforcement contributed to producing a list of lead organizers of this protest. Since January 28, PLT members have provided real-time intelligence to commanders situated at NCRCC. Presently, PLT have slowly made progress in reclaiming public space since the arrival of the Freedom Convoy. As part of this process PLT are reinforcing the message of public safety and to mitigate any attempts by protestors to encroach on emergency lanes and no go zones.

The small gains that PLT and OPS achieve are not meant to or will necessary end the protest every time; instead the purpose is to prepare the organizers for the eventual fact and day that all protests no matter how prolonged, will eventually end. The daily communication between PLT and organizers has proved beneficial as it has provided opportunities in setting the stage for PLT to appeal on behalf of community residents the control of when and where truck horns should be utilized. It is this time consuming, labour intensive, emotionally draining process that PLT members are willing to endure to support the operational plan and mission statement of any protest they are assigned to. The process of relationship building is difficult and it is often, time sensitive. This challenge is exacerbated when multiple groups and leaderships identified are all vying for a voice on the main stage. Without compromise, PLT will work towards a common organizational goal while continuing to relay the message of public safety in support of anyone choosing to peacefully protest, a right protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms until the conclusion of this event.

Respectfully on behalf of the entire PLT members,
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